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**Subject:** RE: PA Healthy Watersheds Goal Team

**Importance:** High

Renee—one item that we didn't note in the spreadsheet that both DEP and DCNR noticed as we filled out the final status update...almost everything we listed in the workplan is duplicative to work being done on various other workgroups and GITs. I didn't want to state that directly in the spreadsheet, but wanted to share this important point with you and Bay Program office staff to underscore the important reason PA is pulling out of some of the workgroups and this GIT as we try to better prioritize all the work that needs to be accomplished with the resources we have. We just can't continue to duplicate efforts and not coordinate the various staff efforts going on across the more than 50 Bay Program workgroups. It's just not effective or efficient and will not help us to reach our goals that we are very committed to reaching here in PA. Again, I appreciate your understanding and hard work.

Thanks  
Kristen

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**Subject:** Re: PA Healthy Watersheds Goal Team

Thanks so much Kristen,

I will let you know if we have any questions.

Renee

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**Subject:** FW: PA Healthy Watersheds Goal Team

Good morning Renee—attached, please find the info you requested for PA's status update on the Healthy Waters Workplan. As noted before, although PA is no longer participating on the HWGIT, PA will remain engaged with the Land Use WG under the WQGIT.

Thank you  
Kristen

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**Subject:** RE: PA Healthy Watersheds Goal Team

Thanks Kristen,

I was there but I missed that exact announcement. I did catch wind that PA was going to pull out of some outcomes and I wondered if HW was going to be one of them, but the message was not relayed to me, nor any guidance internally on what this means.

To clarify whether the land use workgroup is part of HW or WQ the answer is as clear as mud. BOTH!

The land use work group falls under the water quality GIT. The land use outcomes related to Land Use Methods and Metrics outcome falls under the Land Use workgroup (Coordinator: Peter Claggett). The HW goal team "adopted" this outcome for administrative purposes due to the close alignment with maintaining watershed health and the rate and conversion of farms, forest, and wetlands to development. I am happy to provide you with a bit of an update on the progress of this outcome, but basically the LUWG is focused on the Phase 6 land use model. Many of the outputs of this model can be used to inform this outcome. I HIGHLY encourage PA to continue to be involved in the LUWG.

The Land use options evaluation outcome. Falls solely under the Healthy watersheds goal team as it is focused primarily on policies to help reduce the rate of sprawl. There are opportunities to become more involved with this one, it has primarily moved forward with some contractor funded GIT funding projects and the energy of our Vice Chair Jason Dubow and myself.

I understand capacity issues, I think if it would be acceptable to you all I would like to at least be able to close out the initial work that PA has put forward on this goal team. PA, myself and members of our goal team put a lot of time into filling out the work plans and capturing all of the work that PA is doing toward this outcome.

I wonder if you or someone on staff whom is familiar with these efforts can at least work with me communicate the status of the individual workplan action items for PA? We could do something like Green (done), yellow (in progress), or Red (not completed or not planned for capacity or other reasons) and provide some comments as needed for context, for example.

It is attached here again for your reference.

Please feel free to contact me directly so as to manage my expectations and be able to communicate the lack of PA involvement to others here at CBP. I am also unsure of what this means or how to best move forward. In my mind, involvement from PA could still be in an advisory capacity, similar to DE and DC who don't have healthy watersheds but still provide input and are valued members of the conversation.

I look forward to continuing this conversation with you. I also remember I was going to send you my favorite lentil olive veggie burger recipe! I will send that separately!;).

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**Subject:** RE: PA Healthy Watersheds Goal Team

Good morning Katherine and Renee—I am responding to your 2/27 email to Diane Wilson (below) to provide an update on Pennsylvania's membership on the Healthy Watersheds Goal Team.

At the first Bay Biennial Management Strategy Review meeting on Feb. 8-9, Nicki Kasi, PA's Bay Program Office Manager, announced that Pennsylvania would not be participating on the Healthy Watersheds Goal Team for the time being, due to limited resources and PA's goal of prioritizing efforts that will bring us closer to meeting our Phase III WIP goals and required obligations.

Nicki also stressed that pulling out of certain GITs and Workgroups does not mean that PA isn't committed to these focus areas; rather, it is an effort to place key resources in key areas across the vast Bay Program network to prioritize our work so we can make a bigger impact in the work we are doing here in PA.

I'll note that there is some confusion as to whether the Land Use Workgroup falls under the Healthy Watersheds GIT or the Water Quality GIT, so while that is being cleared up by the Bay Program, I want to confirm that PA will continue to participate on the Land Use WG, regardless of where it falls on the Bay Program's organizational chart.

Thank you

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Diane,

Renee and I are gearing up to set up phone calls with each State/Jurisdiction to discuss progress on the workplan action items as well as discuss next steps related to tracking and assessment of healthy watersheds.

You and Lori Mohr were included in the workplan development conversation back in October 2015. Can you confirm that you two are the right people to have these conversations with and whether we should omit or add anyone else to the conversation, like Denny Puko, Kristen Wolf, Sara Nicholas, Anne Macky, Mark Hockley, Su Ann Shupp, or Tom Ford?

Once we hear back from you we will send out a need to meet poll to set up a phone call. Let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

**Katherine Wares**

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